

**FAMILY ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS  
AND STRENGTHS**  
**Michigan Department of Human Services**

Date Initiated:	DHS Worker:
Household Name:	POS Worker:
Primary Caretaker:	
Secondary Caretaker:	
Child Information:	

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	Primary Caretaker	Secondary Caretaker
<b>S1. Emotional Stability Behavior</b>		
a. Exceptional coping skills.....	+2	
b. Appropriate responses.....	0	
c. Some problems.....	-3	
d. Chronic depression, severely low esteem, emotional problems.....	-5	
e. Unable to score.....	US	
f. Not yet scored.....	NS	
<b>S2. Parenting Skills</b>		
a. Strong skills.....	+2	
b. Adequate skills .....	0	
c. Improvement needed.....	-3	
d. Destructive/abusive parenting.....	-5	
e. Unable to score.....	US	
f. Not yet scored.....	NS	
<b>S3. Substance Abuse</b>		
a. No evidence of problem .....	0	
b. Caretaker w/substance abuse problem/current treatment issues.....	-3	
c. Caretaker with serious problem.....	-4	
d. Problems resulting in chronic dysfunction.....	-5	
e. Unable to score.....	US	
f. Not yet scored.....	NS	
<b>S4. Sexual Abuse</b>		
a. No Evidence of problem.....	0	
b. Caretaker has failed to protect child(ren) from sexual abuse.....	-4	
c. Caretaker has abused child(ren) sexually.....	-5	
d. Unable to score.....	US	
e. Not yet scored.....	NS	

**S5. Domestic Relations**

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|--|-----|
| a. Supportive Relationship.....                                | +2  |
| b. Single caretaker not involved in domestic relationship..... | 0   |
| c. Domestic discord, lack of cooperation .....                 | -2  |
| d. Serious domestic discord/domestic violence.....             | -4  |
| e. Unable to score.....  | .US |
| f. Not yet scored.....   | .NS |

**S6. Social Support System**

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|---|-----|
| a. Strong support system.....                   | +2  |
| b. Adequate support system.....                 | 0   |
| c. Limited support system.....                  | -2  |
| d. No support or destructive relationships..... | -4  |
| e. Unable to score.....                         | .US |
| f. Not yet scored.....                          | .NS |

**S7. Communication/Interpersonal Skills**

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|---------------------------------------|-----|
| a. Appropriate skills.....            | 0   |
| b. Limited or ineffective skills..... | -2  |
| c. Isolating/hostile/destructive..... | -4  |
| d. Unable to score.....               | .US |
| e. Not yet scored.....                | .NS |

**S8. Housing**

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|--|-----|
| a. Adequate housing.....                       | 0   |
| b. Some housing problems, but correctable..... | -2  |
| c. No housing, eviction notice.....            | -4  |
| d. Unable to score.....                        | .US |
| e. Not yet scored.....                         | .NS |

**S9. Intellectual Capacity**

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|---|-----|
| a. Average or above functional intelligence.....              | 0   |
| b. Some impairment, difficulty in decision making skills..... | -2  |
| c. Severe Limitation.....                                     | -4  |
| d. Unable to score.....                                       | .US |
| e. Not yet scored.....  | .NS |

**S10. Literacy**

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|-----------------------------|-----|
| a. Literate.....            | 0   |
| b. Marginally literate..... | -2  |
| c. Illiterate.....          | -3  |
| d. Unable to score.....     | .US |
| e. Not yet scored.....      | .NS |

**S11. Resource Availability/Management**

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|---|----|
| a. Strong money management skills.....  | +1 |
| b. Sufficient income to meet needs..... | 0  |
| c. Income mismanagement.....            | -2 |
| d. Financial crisis.....                | -3 |
| e. Unable to score.....                 | US |
| f. Not yet scored.....                  | NS |

**S12. Employment**

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|------------------------------------|----|
| a. Employed.....                   | +1 |
| b. No Need.....                    | 0  |
| c. Unemployed but looking.....     | -1 |
| d. Unemployed, not interested..... | -2 |
| e. Unable to score.....            | US |
| f. Not yet scored.....             | NS |

**S13. Physical Health Issues**

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|---|----|
| a. No problem.....  | 0  |
| b. Health problem or physical limitation that affects family..... | -1 |
| c. Serious health problems or physical limitation.....            | -2 |
| d. Unable to score.....   | US |
| e. Not yet scored.....  | NS |

**S14. Child Characteristics****Child(ren)**

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|--|----|
| a. Age appropriate, no problems.....   | 0  |
| b. Minor physical, emotional, intelligence problems.....                             | -1 |
| c. One child has severe/chronic problems that result in substantial dysfunction...-2 |    |
| d. Children have severe/chronic problems that result in substantial dysfunction..... | -3 |
| e. Unable to score.....  | US |
| f. Not yet scored.....   | NS |

Based on this assessment, below are the priority needs of the family to be addressed in the Treatment Plan and Service Agreement.

**Primary Needs:****Barrier?****Primary Strengths:**

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